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SUBJECT: MINISTRY INTERIOR STUDY MISSION TO U.S.

1. FRENCH FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERIOR MINISTRIES THIS WEEK REQUESTED FACEE SUPPORT FOR STUDY MISSION TO U.S. BY TWO MINISTRY INTERIOR OFFICIALS, AUGUST L6 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1976.

2. PURPOSE OF MISSION TO STUDY ADMINISTRATION SIX U.S. CITIES (NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, BOSTON, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO) AS AID TO PREPARATION LONG-TERM REFORM FRENCH MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, PARTICULARLY IN PARIS. SUBJECTS OF INTEREST: ORGANIZATION MUNICIPAL SERVICES; MAYOR'S CABINET AND SPECIFICALLY ITS COORDINATION AND INFORMATION FUNCTIONS; RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND MAYOR AND CABINET.

3. MISSION MEMBERS ARE: FRANCOIS LEPINE, DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF SECRETARY OF STATE PIERRE-CHRISTIAN TAITTINGER, IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES; BERNARD CHARDON, ASSISTANT TO LEPINE. (CHARDON IS RECENT GRADUATE YALE LAW SCHOOL AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH). BIODATA ON BOTH FOLLOW.

4. PLANNED SCHEDULE: AUGUST L6 ARRIVE NEW YORK; AUGUST L7 TO 22 IN NEW YORK; AUGUST 23 TO 25 WASHINGTON;
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AUGUST 26 TO 29 LEPINE IN CHICAGO AND CHARDON IN BOSTON;

AUGUST 30 TO 31 LOS ANGELES; SEPTEMBER 1 TO 4 SAN FRANCISCO; SEPTEMBER 5 RETURN PARIS.

5. FRENCH CULTURAL COUNSELOR NEW YORK ANDRE GADEAUD ATTEMPTING ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, POLITICAL LEADERS, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS, INSTITUTES PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. MINISTRY INTERIOR WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE ARRANGING ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS, PARTICULARLY WASHINGTON AREA. REQUESTS DEPARTMENT COORDINATE WITH GADEAUD.

6. AS WITH MINED PROJECTS, FACEE WOULD PAY INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. INTERNAL TRAVEL. MINISTRY WOULD PAY ALL OTHER EXPENSES. FACEE PROPOSES USE FUNDS EARMARKED FOR MINED MISSIONS SINCE ONLY ONE MORE MINED MISSION SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER.

7. EMBASSY AND FACEE ANXIOUS RESPOND POSITIVELY MINISTRY PROPOSAL. APPRECIATE BFS APPROVAL SOONEST. RUSH.

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